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SUBJECT: INFORMATION ON 1976 BANK ROBBERIES IN CHINA

REFERENCE: PEKING 1357

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION MAY
BE PASSED TO BRITISH.

2. MAINICHI SHIMBUN ON SEPTEMBER 7, 1976 REPORTED THAT
A BRANCH OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S BANK IN CHENG-CHOU WAS
ROBBED OF 24,000 YUAN IN JULY 1976. THE AUGUST 23, 1976
EDITION OF THE NEW YORK TIMES ADDED THAT THE ROBBERS WERE
STILL AT LARGE AND HAD BEEN OFFICIALLY IDENTIFIED AS THE
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"JULY 7 COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY ASSASSIN GROUP." THE TIMES
WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE DARRING-DO OF THE THIEVES HAD
EARNED THEM A POPULAR FOLLOWING.

3. MAINICHI SHIMBUN ALSO REPORTED THAT A BRANCH OF THE
PEOPLE'S BANK IN CHEKIANG PROVINCE (PROBABLY IN HANG-CHOU)
HAD BEEN ATTACKED IN LATE AUGUST 1976. ONE OF THE BRANCH

MANAGERS WAS KILLED DURING THE INCIDENT.

4. NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE ROBBERIES IS
AVAILABLE. VANCE

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